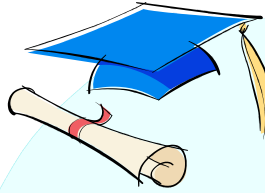


Earn Your High School Diploma

The Maryland Adult

External Diploma Program



Because Competence Deserves Recognition

The External Diploma Program is administered through the
Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning
Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
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Baltimore, Maryland 21201

For more information on the availability of this program in your community, call:

Allegany County	301-687-8025
Anne Arundel County	410-691-9088
Baltimore City	410-625-4215
Baltimore County	410-918-4284
Calvert County	410-535-7382
Carroll County	410-386-2559
Charles County	301-609-3690
Chesapeake College	410-827-5835

Frederick County	240-236-8434
Howard County	410-772-4747
Prince George's County	301-602-2970
	301-386-7509
Somerset County	410-623-3328
Washington County	301-790-2800
Wicomico County	410-341-3734



What is the External Diploma Program?

The Maryland Adult External Diploma Program is a high school diploma program for mature adults who have acquired their academic skills through life and work experiences and can demonstrate those skills in an applied assessment process. The External Diploma Program measures academic and life skills, including:

Reading
Writing
Mathematics
Oral Communication
Critical Thinking

Self Awareness
Social Awareness
Aesthetic Awareness
Consumer Awareness
Scientific Awareness

Can my job and home management experience help satisfy the requirements?

As part of the External Diploma Program you are required to have an individualized skill. This skill may be demonstrated through:

- ☞ Documentation of a Current Occupation or Trade
- ☞ Home Management Experience
- ☞ Advanced Academic Skills
- ☞ Training in a New Field

Who chooses the External Diploma Program?

Participants in the External Diploma Program are adults who are:

- ☞ Self-directed and mature (18 years or older)
- ☞ Interested in confidentiality
- ☞ Practical and highly skilled

How do I demonstrate the skills I have?

Participants are asked to demonstrate skills in practical ways. To give some examples, adults might be asked to:

- ☞ Read a newspaper or warranty
- ☞ Write a letter to an elected official or prospective employer
- ☞ Measure for carpeting or compute interest on a loan

What are the advantages of the External Diploma Program?

Because it was designed especially for adults, the External Diploma Program is:

- ☞ Self-paced
- ☞ Confidential
- ☞ Conducted through one-to-one appointments with trained assessors
- ☞ Not classroom based

Will I earn a real diploma from the External Diploma Program, and can I use it to go to college?

YES! The diploma is issued by the Maryland State Board of Education and is accepted by colleges and universities. Some colleges may require that adults meet additional admissions standards.

Additional EDP Information is available at <http://www.nedp.org/>

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Maryland External Diploma Programs are ADA accessible